

The Hongkong Telegraph.

N°. 2128.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1889.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK will be conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on their premises in Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-DAYS, 10 to 1; SATURDAYS, 10 to 1.

2.—SUMS LESS THAN \$1, or MORE THAN \$250 at one time will not be received. No Depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK, having \$100, or more, at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent per annum interest.

4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3½% per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.

5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business of the Bank, if mailed ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager

Hongkong 1st January 1889

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL 150,000.

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6 " 4 "

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E. W. RUTTER,
Manager,
HONGKONG BRANCH

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G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1889.

NOTICE
HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

HIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this HARBOUR, none of the COMPANY'S FOREMEN should be at hand, ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1889.

Intimations:

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

THE

HONGKONG ALMANACK,

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD,

1889.

BY

BRUCE SHEPHERD.

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THE CALENDARS and ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA for the Year computed to Hongkong Civil Time.

Also information respecting the Colony and the several Government Departments, Meteorological and General Statistics, Tide Tables, Postal Regulations, &c., &c.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1889.

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COOKING STOVES with UTENSILS..... from \$5.00 each.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1888.

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Straw Hats and Pith Hats, Silk Umbrellas from \$1 each, over 100 to choose from, a large assortment of Walking Sticks.

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Hongkong, 22nd February, 1888.

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1888.

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D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1889.

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R. LYAL,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1889.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

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Hongkong, 23rd November, 1888.

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(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

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The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional men, and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter, upon forms specially sent for that purpose so as to ensure accuracy. The Naval and Military portions have been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Head-quarters; in fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above, "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1889 contains a carefully revised

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A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS employed in Steamers making short voyages from Hongkong;

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AND

A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

A SPECIAL FEATURE IN THIS PUBLICATION WILL BE A CHAPTER ON SPORT, (amended and corrected to date) dealing with almost every branch of the subject including RACING, CRICKET, ATHLETICS, AQUATICS, &c., &c., &c.

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"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1889 is Printed on a superior quality of Paper, and is the best printed and most handsomely bound volume published East of the Suez Canal.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" in order that it may circulate extensively outside this Colony, is published at a POPULAR PRICE, and can be ordered at this Office, or through any of our Agents at the various Ports, for

THREE DOLLARS.

There is not space in the compass of an Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information introduced into the work, but it may be fairly asserted that no such Directory has ever been published, either in Hongkong or any other part of the East, at such a low price.

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Suggestions for the improvement of this work are respectfully solicited.

Orders for COPIES, and for ADVERTISEMENTS may be sent to the Agents at the various Ports, or to the Office of

"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"

PENMAN'S HILL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1889.

Intimations.

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FLORAL & ROSE WATER, CRACKERS, &c., &c., &c.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Hongkong, 19th December, 1888.

BIRTH.

At Bowrington, on the 9th inst., the wife of N. J. ROBINSON, of a daughter.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1889.

As we promised our readers yesterday, M. DE MAYRENA, King of the Sedangs, has lost no time in categorically and completely refuting the scurrilous attack made upon him by the etiolate production of Lower Wyndham Street on Monday night. The spirit in which that attack was penned showed itself in every line. It was a mixed feeling of "We've nothing in the paper to-day" and "here's a d—d foreigner—throw arf a brick at him," that prompted the hireling to set a column of malicious abuse—verging more than once on the libellous—to the music of "Revelations," with the barest suspicion of truth as the theme and unlimited inaccuracies for variations. M. DE MAYRENA has done more than merely deny the alleged facts—we are in possession of numerous letters which support his statements, and which any unconvinced individual is at liberty to peruse. With regard to the "condensation" of the missionary's letter in the *Courrier d'Haiphong*, we have compared the two, and, as we expected, find it to be a one-sided and unfair rendering of an account which M. DE MAYRENA's letters show to be entirely untrue in some points, and which are therefore inferentially inaccurate in others. But this letter M. DE MAYRENA has fully answered in the Haiphong paper, and we shall give his own story when that reply reaches us.

The facts of the case are these:—M. DE MAYRENA, with a roving commission from the French Government and some assistance from three French missionaries, for which he amply repaid them, obtained supreme power in the hitherto unknown country of Sedang. The French authorities expected that he would hand over his authority without recompense, and, on his refusal to cede what he had gained by his own prowess, refused to recognise him as King, claiming Sedang as a dependency of Annam, over which they hold a Protectorate. As the people inhabiting the country between Annam and Sedang are indisputably independent, and the Sedangs have never recognised in the least the suzerainty of the king of Annam, this claim was naturally denied. The French authorities immediately sent for the missionary who had accompanied M. DE MAYRENA—one GUERLACH—and gave him to understand which way his testimony must go. To a Jesuit lying came easy. He wrote to the *Courrier d'Haiphong* letter after letter alleging that all along, he assisted M. DE MAYRENA in the belief that he was an accredited explorer of the French Government's denying blankly the story of M. DE MAYRENA—though without any supporting testimony—and consistently supporting the argument of his employers, the French authorities. What is this man's record? He ends his last letter by saying that he is going to "return to the calm of the apostolic life" among the natives. What a picture one draws of him!—a "Peace-with-you" sort of old hermit, tolling painfully back to his exile after opening the eyes of the world to the machinations of an adventurer! What is the truth? This lover of the calm of the apostolic life, dresses in jack-boots, with serge clothes, and a sou'-wester, a big revolver at his side and a little cross in his vest-pocket; this ascetic is suspected of being anything but a disciple of the charitable Nazarene; he signed the treaties between King Marie and the chiefs, he has given him holy pictures with Latin inscriptions on the back in which he recognises his Kingship, and now he pretends that he thought all along that Mayrena had come "to see the country."

The Foochow Echo reports that during the quarter from the 1st of October to the 1st December 1888, the following settlements in Tea have been made on that market:—

Average prices.

105,624 chests Congon... at Tls. 11 per picul.

11,776 " Souchong... 12 "

27,000 lbs. Oolong... " 23 "

21,185 boxes Sctd. Tea... " 16 "

295 chests F. Pekoe... " 47 "

The annual installation meeting of the United Service Lodge was held last night, when the new Wor. Master, Bro. G. J. W. King, appointed his officers as follows:—I. P. M. Wor. Bro. H. L. Stringer, S. W. Bro. W. Baker, J. W. Bro. J. Bryant, Treas. Wor. Bro. W. Goulbourn, Sec. Bro. J. White, S. D. Bro. I. Johnston, J. D. Bro. J. Watson, D. C. Bro. A. Saunders, Steward, Bro. J. Thomas, J. G. Bro. J. A. Iglesias, Tyler, Bro. J. Maxwell. A banquet was afterwards served, and the usual toasts honored.

The following are the Orders of the Day for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held to-morrow at 4 p.m.:—

1. Mr. Layton, pursuant to notice, will ask the following question:—Has Mr. Leigh's Report on the Proposed Drainage Scheme been forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies?

2. First reading of a Bill to Amend The Cattle Diseases, Slaughter-Houses, and Markets Ordinance, 1887?

3. Committee on the "Reformatory Schools Amendment Bill."

4. Committee on the "Merchant Shipping Amendment Bill."

5. Bye-Laws under "The Public Health Ordinance."

The following Tea Export from Foochow since the 8th ultimo, is given by the Echo:—

S.S. Anchises..... 41,078 lbs

" Glenartney..... 351,045 "

" Clysmore..... 355,923 "

" Dartmouthshire..... 434,220 "

" Opact..... 680,102 "

For Continent:—

S.S. Anchises..... 42,530 "

S.S. Anchises..... 34,296 "

For Melbourne:—

S.S. Anchises..... 8,882 "

For transhipment in Hongkong to the S.S. China:—

S.S. Anchises..... 12,780 "

For transhipment in Hongkong to the S.S. China:—

The export on the 3rd instant from all China stood as follows (by telegram):—

Shanghai..... 50 million lbs.

Foochow..... 32 "

Canton..... 18 "

Total..... 114 million lbs.

against last year.

Shanghai..... 56 million lbs.

Foochow..... 40 "

Canton..... 18 "

Total..... 98 million lbs.

and exploit it on behalf of the French! It is on the unsupported testimony of a priest like this that a rabid parish like the *China Mail* tries to damn the character of the man whom, six or seven weeks ago, it was extolling as a wonderful knight errant.

TELEGRAMS.

(From *Straits Times*.)

THE PANAMA CANAL.

PARIS, December 29th.

At a meeting of the bondholders it was resolved that the required capital should be found, interest being waived until the Canal be open.

PERSIA.

LONDON, December 31st.

The Persian note as issued is milder than anticipated.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

JANUARY 1st.

Sir Hugh Low has been created Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

ANOTHER MURDER.

JANUARY 1st.

A boy of eight years has been found murdered at Bradford and worse mutilated than the Whitechapel victim.

MEXICO.

JANUARY 1st.

The report of the rising in Mexico is stated to be untrue, and the New York papers are said to have been hoax'd.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

JANUARY 1st.

The American corvette *Essex*, Capt. T. M. Jewell, left yesterday for Singapore.

A COOLIE was fined \$100 to-day for having a few taels of illicit opium in his possession.

THIS evening the Police Sergeants will entertain a few friends at 9, Beaconsfield Arcade. There will be a dance afterwards.

An accomplice in the recent shooting affair at Wanchai was this afternoon sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Mr. Pollock.

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. D. Sasoon, Sons & Co.) that the steamer *Arratoon Apair*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port to-day, and may be expected on or about the 10th instant.

We hear that one of the prisoners whom the 91st Regiment, brought over from Ceylon to complete his sentence proved pretty refractory, thrashing the turnkeys, &c., and that he received twenty-four lashes yesterday.

SEVERAL officers of the U.S. Navy, who arrived in Yokohama by the *Ozarks*, have, says the *Japan Mail*, been appointed a Board of Appraisement to inspect the *Monocracy*, with a view, our contemporary believes, to the sale of that vessel.

THE New Year was not twenty-four hours old, says a Yokohama exchange, when we were forcibly reminded of the approach of the earthquake season, a severe and prolonged shock being felt in Yokohama about ten minutes after seven last evening.

WE are requested to inform our readers that, there will be football to-morrow on the Causeway Bay Ground, under Association rules, between the Club, and a scratch team of the 91st Regt. All members of the Club who can play are requested to be on the Ground at 4:15 p.m. when play will commence.

THE case of Lucas v. Curiambus was resumed to-day before Mr. Justice Leach. Mr. Francis, Q.C., and Mr. Wilson addressed the Court at length, after which his Lordship intimated that he would look over some points in the evidence, indicating that he was of opinion that the truth lay on the side of the plaintiff. He deferred judgment, however.

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will consent to add a clause refunding the cotton tax collected in the South during the war. But it was not of that Colonel Oates talked in the *World* interview. He commented on the supposed policy of General Harrison toward the South, and the suggestion that the new President would appoint a protectionist Democrat and a liberal member of that party to office. Colonel Oates said it would make no difference to the white people of the South who were appointed to the offices down there by President Harrison; that every white man who accepted an appointment from a Republican Administration whether he was a Democrat or not would be ostracised by his neighbors.

The Colonel further said that there will be no split in the solid South until the negroes are disenchanted, and he declares that he believes that neither negroes, Chinamen, nor Indians should be allowed to vote. As long as the negroes have a ballot, the white people of the South will be solid against them, and will prevent their exercising the right of suffrage as far as they are able to do so. Colonel Oates also announces that the Democrats in the next House will, by filibustering, prevent the Republicans from increasing their strength by admitting contestants to seats, and the Republican majority in the House on the closing day of the Fifty-first Congress will be very little if any greater than on the first day of the session.

LONDON, December 26.—

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at St. Petersburg says: The War Office is actively organizing a homogeneous plan for defense in the event of war. The Government has sanctioned the plan proposed by General Gourké to supply Warsaw with enough provisions for 56,000 people, exclusive of the garrison, the remaining 350,000, consisting of Poles or Jews, being expelled from the city and left to their own devices in the event of war. With this decision vanishes the Poles' last hope of reconciliation.

WASHINGTON, December 2d.—

Secretary Endicott has made his report to the President of the administration of the war Department during the fiscal year ended June 30th last. The total expenditures were \$4,636,017, the appropriations for the current fiscal year amount to \$59,079,935, and the estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, aggregate \$45,632,507, as follows: Salaries and contingent expenses, \$1,795,990; military establishment, support of army and military academy, \$25,293,328; public works, including river and harbor improvements, \$1,378,584; miscellaneous objects, \$3,575,000. The estimates for river and harbor improvements represent the probable cost of such improvements if approved by Congress.

BERLIN, December 4th.

The Emperor drove out-to-day, his first outing in ten days. Among the latest orders issued by the Emperor is one prohibiting the officers in Berlin and other great garrison towns, under penalty of five days' arrest, from using civilian dress when on duty. The custom has been growing among the officers to throw aside their military garb upon every possible occasion. This does not meet the Emperor's aim, his object being to glorify the military functions.

The report that the Government intended to ask for an appropriation of 50,000,000 marks for field artillery became the subject of a question in the Reichstag. General Von Schellendorf admitted that it was true that in view of the large artillery equipments of foreign countries an increase of German artillery equipments was under consideration, but it was untrue that the sum of 50,000,000 marks would be asked. This response left the members in the dark as to what amount would be added to the budget and increased the distrust previously felt.

The spread of socialism appears to effect, even the veteran soldiers' associations. They are uneasy under indications of discontent among the veterans. The emperor desires that no soldiers' associations, old or new, be authorized, unless the statutes of such associations contain an article affirming attachment and devotion to the Emperor. Such associations must also exclude from discussion at their meetings all political and religious questions.

The new Spanish Ambassador, Count Fascon, arrived here yesterday. Count Benomar has not yet presented his letter of recall. He is, therefore, still recognized as Spain's representative here. The relations between Germany and Spain are becoming decidedly unpleasant. Herr Stumm, the German Minister at Madrid, recently sounded Senor Armijo, the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, in regard to the attitude of Spain in the event of war between France and Germany. Senor Armijo gave an evasive answer. He said he hoped that Spain would have no occasion to interfere with the neutrality that suited his interests.

A dispatch sent to Count Benomar and communicated by him to Prince Bismarck emphasized Senor Armijo's hostility to the triple alliance. Armijo declares that Count Benomar should not have disclosed the nature of the dispatch, and that the dismissed Minister is too much of a Russophile to be in the service of Spain. The Spanish Foreign Minister proposes to try Count Benomar before a state council. This incident does not tend toward the friendly reception of Count Fascon.

ROMA, December 6th.

In the Senate to-day General Corli asked what the intentions of the Government were regarding Massowah, and for information as to the relations between Italy and France.

Siguro Crisp, Prime Minister, said he did not think the Government would abandon Massowah. Italy desired solely to exercise a civilizing mission, and did not aspire to conquests. In regard to the relations between France and Italy, Siguro Crisp said: "Our relations with France, which lately were not entirely satisfactory, are now only good, but cordial and friendly. Nothing justifies the supposition that war with France is probable or near. Nevertheless, in view of the situation throughout Europe, Italy cannot dream of disarming. On the contrary, owing to her position and engagements, she must labor to perfect her armament."

NEW YORK, December 6th.

A dispatch was received from Washington at the Brooklyn Navy Yard to-day, ordering the sloop-of-war *Galena* to be put in readiness for immediate war service and to be held subject to orders at any moment for a rapid voyage to southern waters. It is generally understood that this order meant the preparation of the *Galena* for a cruise to Hayti in order to compel that Government to release the steamship *Hayden Republic* whose detention Secretary Bayard has declared to be unwarrantable and in violation of international comity. Great activity prevails at the yard.

WASHINGTON, December 6th.

Commodore Stockton, who, with Captain Mahan and Commodore Hester, constitutes a board appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to select a site for a naval station on the Northwest coast; stated to-day that the board would probably start within the next ten days to examine the Pacific coast for that purpose. The coasts of Oregon and Washington Territory, will be thoroughly examined for an eligible location. The site selected will probably be on Puget Sound or thereabouts.

Assistant-Secretary Maynard, in a letter to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco, says, while Chinese merchants are not affected by the Chinese Exclusion Act, the department must decline to issue instructions regarding the manner of identifying Chinese merchants on their arrival in the United States. He says also

in regard to the department's previous instructions relating to certificates, which say "for convenience" to be issued to Chinese persons other than laborers, that the Collector has full authority to disregard them, especially so in view of his intimation that such certificates are fraudulently used by Chinese laborers.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Company's steamship *Bengal*, Capt. W. Barrett, with the English mail of the 7th ult., arrived in harbour last evening. We take the subjoined items from the *London and China Express*.

Mr Morell Mackenzie has resigned his membership of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

General satisfaction is felt at the announcement that it is intended to confer the freedom of the City of London upon the Marquis of Dufferin on his return to England.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of General Sir Henry W. Norman, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., C.I.E., now Governor of Jamaica, to be Governor of Queensland.

Old residents in China will be interested to learn that it is stated that Sir Hercules Robinson will retire from the Governorship of Cape Colony in April next, and that it is proposed he shall be succeeded by Sir Henry Blake.

Between April 1 and the 1st Dec. the Exchequer compared amounted to £52,892,803 in the corresponding period of the last financial year; and the expenditure to £55,669,611, as against £54,632,187. On the 1st Dec. the Treasury balances stood at £1,780,350, and on the same day last year at £2,954,877.

The *Turkestan Gazette* states that Mr. Petrovsky, the Russian Consul at Kashgar, reports that several objects belonging to Mr. Dalgleish, including a rifle, have been found in the possession of the natives of Kashgaria. Notwithstanding this the Chinese authorities have not shown any inclination to institute an inquiry into the matter.

In Boston the Whitechapel fiend has been imitated by a man who hides in dark corners and darts out at women, brandishing a knife and uttering threats. He is undoubtedly insane, and the police are "arresting him numerously."

Another outcome of the Whitechapel horror is a Chinese ghost, with the face of a dragon, which appears in Pell-mell, in the Chinese quarter, and frightens women.

Lord Knutsford has received an important deputation from the Colonial Agents-General and other gentlemen interested in colonial affairs, who urged upon the Secretary for the Colonies the imperative necessity of allowing trustees to invest in colonial securities, and by consequence an alteration in the law relating to trustees' investments. Lord Knutsford, in reply, promised to lay the views of the deputation before his colleagues.

Much anxiety has been felt during the past week for Mr. Bright, the veteran statesman. On the morning of the 5th Dec., he was considered to have rallied a little after his paroxysm of rest, but his strength was not quite so good, and Dr. Hayle, who had remained at One Ash all night, declared that the venerable statesman was in a critical condition. A few hours after a little soothing sleep came to his relief, but as the day advanced it did not seem to leave any permanent improvement. About two in the afternoon his family deemed it necessary that Dr. Hayle should be in attendance. On arriving he found Mr. Bright still in a peripious condition.

An imposing array of the chief Catholics of Germany have issued a stirring appeal to their co-religionists in the Empire calling on them to join and work in the interest of the African Society of German Catholics for the suppression of slavery. The society was founded at Cologne under the auspices of the Archbishop a week or two ago. Briefly put, this Catholic society aims at freeing the natives of Africa from slavery and at converting them to Christianity. For promoting these ends and setting on foot the "Black Crusade," a network of societies is to be founded all over Germany and the practical charity of Catholics worked upon by every possible kind of agitation from Press and pulpit in a manner almost unparalleled.

M. de L'Esens has addressed a letter to the shareholders of the Panama Canal Company, in which he says that a moment's hesitation may result in danger to the enterprise. He announces that the remainder of the bonds are about to be issued, and continues by declaring that if the new issue is fully subscribed all anxiety as to the completion of the work can be laid aside.

The subscription will hold good only if 40,000 bonds are applied for. In conclusion M. de L'Esens says: "I appeal to all Frenchmen, to all my associates whose fortunes are threatened. I have devoted my life to two great works, which were pronounced to be impossibilities, namely, the Suez and Panama Canals. The Suez Canal is constructed and has enriched France. If you wish to complete the Panama Canal, your chance is in your own hands. You must decide." A new subscription of £375,000,000 is to come off next week. The result, however, is considered doubtful in Paris.

During the past week (Dec. 1—8) exceptionally warm weather has been prevalent, and at the time of writing continues to prevail over the whole of the British Isles. Over a third of the country the thermometer did not fall below 50 deg. during the night of the 4th inst., the lowest reading being 48 deg. in the Hebrides. On the morning of the 5th a few stations in the far North reported temperatures between 46 deg. London, with a temperature of 53 deg., was 4 deg. warmer than Birr, 11 deg. warmer than Nice, and 10 deg. warmer than Paris (when snow was falling). The day proved delightfully fine in the Metropolis, the sun shining for some time, and the thermometer rising to 58 deg. at two p.m. A reaction, however, may no doubt be looked for at any moment from so exceptional a state of the atmosphere. During November the temperature was phenomenal. The mean at nine o'clock on the morning of the 3rd reads 47 deg. Only in one (1879) of the past ten years has this average been reached.

In the appeal case—the steamship *City of Peking* v. the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes (owners of the steamship *Saghalien*) from a judgment of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Hongkong of June 10, 1887, in an action brought in that court by the respondents against the appellants for damage occasioned by collision between the steamship *City of Peking* and the *Saghalien* on Nov. 20, 1886, in the harbour of Hongkong—the Vice-Admiralty Court pronounced the *City of Peking* entirely to blame, and condemned in damages and costs Sir Walter Phillimore, Q.C., and Mr. Joseph Walton, were counsel for the appellants; Mr. J. Gorrell Barnes, Q.C., and Mr. F. W. Raikes, the respondents. Lord Watson delivered the judgment of their Lordships, who would humbly advise Her Majesty that the judgment appealed from ought to be affirmed, and the appeal dismissed. The appellants must pay the costs of the appeal.

It is stated that a radical change is about to be made in the defensive system of the north-eastern part of France. At the smaller fortresses

places are to be discontinued as not capable of resisting the new explosives. Lindre will no longer be a fortress, while Le Quesnoy will perhaps be spared, after considerable strengthening of the fort; Bouchain will be dismantled, and the ramparts and citadel of Valenciennes will be raised and the position transformed into a vast entrenched camp with strengthened forts. Douai, Arras, Aignies-sur-la-Lys, and St. Omer will be entirely dismantled, and the Fort Saint-François and the citadel of Montreuil demolished. The fort and three redoubts at Calais will be raised, and so will Fort Louis and Fort François, between Bergues and Dunkirk. The *enceinte* of Bergues will be preserved, but Fort Lapin and Fort Suisse will be demolished. When all these operations have been accomplished there will remain for the defence of the frontier the fort of Merbes-le-Château, the entrenched camps of Morbeque, Valenciennes, and Lille, and the Bergues-Dunkirk group of fortifications.

In the House of Commons on Nov. 30th Sir G. Campbell asked the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies what was now the position of the question of Chinese immigration into Australia; whether it was true, as stated in the newspapers, that a Queensland Act on that subject had been reserved for Her Majesty's pleasure; whether any of the Acts of the other colonies on the same subject had been so reserved, or whether they had been brought into operation; whether Her Majesty's Government had yet ascertained if those Acts were consonant to or conflicted with the rights or claims of the Chinese as a friendly treaty Power; and whether the matter had been settled in communication with the Chinese Government, Baron H. De Worms stated that negotiations with a view to the settlement of a treaty in regard to Chinese immigration are still in progress with the Chinese Government. The Secretary of State has been informed by a telegram from the Acting Government of Queensland that such an Act has been reserved. The Legislatures of New South Wales and New Zealand have also passed Acts restricting the immigration of Chinese; and these Acts not having been received have come into operation. These Acts have been left in operation, as appearing to Her Majesty's Government not to be in conflict with any treaty rights or claims. As indicated in before the question is not yet settled with the Chinese Government.

The *Tammar* left Portsmouth on the 3d Dec., having embarked thirteen officers, 312 troops, mainly consisting of a strong detachment of the 1st Northamptonshire Regiment from Wareley, forty-one women, and eighty-five children, for Gibraltar, Malta, Alexandria, Cyprus, Cylon, Singapore, and China. She also took out naval supernumeraries for the China Squadron. On arrival at Queenstown she embarked drafts amounting to 211 men. The *Tammar* is timed to arrive at Hongkong on Feb. 7, and will not return to Portsmouth until March 24. The *Globe* says:—The *Tammar* is also to tow a torpedo mining-boat, destined to assist in the defence of Singapore. It would be more to the purpose if she were to take out some of the heavy modern guns to mount in the forts, promised so long ago. It is really shameful the way in which we have broken faith with the colonies in this respect. Small wonder it, as Queensland has just done, they show a little peevish temper now and again about other matters. Lord Brassey, writing of Singapore exactly a year ago, says:—"The forts are of the most approved plans and of considerable extent. It is disappointing to an Englishman to see in this, as in other instances, that while those preparations for defence for which colonial funds are liable are completed or far advanced, the guns for which the Imperial Government are responsible are not yet delivered." And now, a year later, they are not yet delivered."

On the 5th Dec., a special meeting of the council of the National Rifle Association was held at the offices in Pall-mall, Lord Wantage in chair. After a deputation from Dunstable had been received, the proposed sites were discussed for two hours, and in the end it was decided that, subject to the arrangements necessary for acquiring additional ground being satisfactory, the offer of the Government for the use of land at Brookwood, near Aldershot, was accepted. The site is twenty-eight miles from London, in the midst of a sandy plain, where there can be none of the attractions of old Wimbledon. The ranges will be nearly east and west, so that the targets will be in shadow, and the sun in the firer's eyes during the afternoon. Brookwood is about four miles from Aldershot, and the site selected is north-east of the Guards' Rifle Range at Pirbright, the firing points being on Bisley Common, which belongs to Lord Onslow. There is a good background for the targets, and in the rear are the Chobham Ridges. The nearest railway station is at Brookwood, on the South-Western line, and the railway company propose to make a branch line on the range close to the firing points and the offices of the National Rifle Association. The decision of the council will be submitted to the members at the forthcoming winter meeting, but the decision may be taken as final, though the wisdom of it may be questioned.

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Captain Talbot, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY the 11th inst., at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1889.

Commercial.

TO-DAY.
THE SHARE MARKET.

1 o'clock.

There have been transactions in Banks to-day at 65 for the end of the month, and 68 to 69 for March.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—164 per cent. premium, sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$75 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 290 per share, buyers.

Canal Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 97 per share, buyers.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$340 per share, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$79 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 37 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$223 per share, buyers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—172 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$70 per share, nominal.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—20 per cent. dis. sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$66 per share, buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$196 per share, sellers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$83 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$102 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$124 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$88 per share, buyers.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.

Punjung and Sunglite Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$7 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—77 per cent. premium, buyers.

Tongqua Coal Mining Co.—100 percent. premium, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—250 per cent. premium, nominal.

The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$60 per share, buyers.

The Songci Kokay Planting Co., Ltd.—\$39 per share, sellers.

Craickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, sellers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. dis. nominal.

The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$65 per share, sales and buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/0
Bank Bills, on demand 3/0
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/0
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/0
Credits at 4 months' sight 3/0
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/0
ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/0
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/0
ON INDIA, T. T. 2/23
On Demand 2/23
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, T. T. 7/18
Private, at 30 days' sight 7/18

EXPORT CARGOES.

Per *Oceania*, str., for London—2,491 boxes Tea (51,387 lbs.) Congou, and 758 lbs. Sorts; 8,511 boxes, 175,571 Scented Caper, 1,025 boxes, Scented Orange Pekoe; 1,356 bales Waste Silk, 434 packages Matting, 17 boxes Bristles, 192 cases Soy, 42 cases Sundries, 9 cases Preserves, and 157 packages Merchandise. For New York—55 bales Fine Raw Silk, and 100 bales Waste Silk.

Per *Raphael*, str., from Hongkong for New York—12,023 packages Crackers, 11,543 boxes Matting, 1,407 cases Fans, 980 packages Preserves, 300 cases Cassia, 213 packages Rattans, 125 cases Essential Oil, 50 cases Joss Sticks, and 134 packages Merchandise.

Per *Arcadia*, bark, from Hongkong for London—827 rolls Matting, 817 bales Straw Braid, 436 packages Canes, 300 cases Soy, 200 cases Preserves, 100 packages Rattans, 24 bales Feathers, 2 cases Woodenware, and 51 packages Merchandise.

OPIUM MARKET—THIS DAY.

New MALWA, per picul \$680
(Allowance, Taels 4 to 32).
Old MALWA, per picul \$690
(Allowance, Taels 16 to 32).

New PATNA, (without choice) per chest \$580
New PATNA, (first choice) per chest \$584
New PATNA, (bottom) per chest \$593
New PATNA, (second choice) per chest \$575
New BENARES, (without choice) per chest \$578
New BENARES, (bottom) per chest \$570
New PERSIAN (best quality) per picul \$550
Old PERSIAN (best quality) per picul \$500
Old PERSIAN (second quality) per picul \$475

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gastell*, with San Francisco mail, to the 18th ultimo, will leave Yokohama for this port to-morrow.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Canadian Pacific steamer *Batavia*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the 25th ultimo for Japan and Hongkong.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kashgar*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 29th ultimo, and is due here on the 9th instant.

The D. R. steamer *Herberta*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 2nd instant, and is expected here on the 9th.

The steamer *Proprietary* left Singapore on the morning of the 5th instant, and is expected here on the 12th.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Glaucus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 8th inst., and is due here on the 15th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

BENGAL, British steamer, 2,532, W. Barrett, 8th Jan.—London, via Bombay 21st Dec., and Singapore 3rd January, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

HIDEYOSHI MARU, Japanese steamer, 466, J. Will, 8th Jan.—Port Cockburn 5th Jan., Cools—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

YORKSHIRE, British steamer, 1,426, O. J. Arnold, 8th January—Amoy 7th January, General and Tea—Russell & Co.

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, American steamer, 3,548, Wm. Ward, 9th Jan.—San Francisco 8th December, Honolulu 17th, and Yokohama 3rd January, Mails and General.—P. M. & S. Co.

THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 9th Jan.—Taiwan 5th January, Amoy 7th, and Swatow 8th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.

CALEDONIAN, French steamer, 2,632, H. de Maubuge, 7th Jan.—Shanghai 5th Jan., Mails and General—Messengers Maritimes.

ASHINGTON, German steamer, 810, C. Zindel, 3rd Jan.—Kuching 29th Dec., Coals—Siemens & Co.

BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,899, E. De Negri, 3rd Jan.—Bombay, and Singapore 24th Dec., General—Carlowitz & Co.

SWATOW, British steamer, 1,110, Brunner, 25th Dec.—Swatow 24th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLARENCE, Chinese steamer, 1,508, R. M. Andrew, 9th Jan.—Shanghai 6th January, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

NANZING, British steamer, 808, R. Talbot, 9th Jan.—Amoy 8th Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

INGRAV, German steamer, for Saigon.

YORKSHIRE, British steamer, for Singapore.

August, Norwegian steamer, for Nagasaki.

NANKIANG, British steamer, for Amoy.

Clara, German steamer, for Haiphong.

Velocity, British bark, for Honolulu.

Freij, Danish steamer, for Haiphong.

Nansing, British steamer, for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

January 8, Essex, American corvette, for Singapore.

January 8, Choyang, British str., for Swatow, &c.

January 8, Soochow, British str., for Swatow.

January 8, Melbourne, French steamer, for Saigon, &c.

January 9, August, Norwegian steamer, for Nagasaki.

January 9, Nankiang, British str., for Amoy.

January 9, Ingraham, German str., for Saigon.

January 9, Yorkshire, British steamer, for New York.

January 9, Amoy, British str., for Haiphong.

Passenger—ARRIVED.

Per Bengal, str., from Bombay for Hongkong.—Mr. E. L. Collingwood. From Colombo.—Mr. E. L. Collingwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, 5 children, nurse and amah, Mr. and Mrs. Ashton, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Robertson, and Mr. Roughton. From Penang—Messrs. Khoo Thean Foo and servant, and Chuen Tin. From Singapore.—Messrs. E. D. Puckle, R. Bolling, Chu Nin, Thong Aise and servant, Choo Puck Soon, and Miano, and 167 Chinese. From Colombo for Shanghai—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and child, Mrs. Cassidy and 2 children, Miss J. Rhind, Mrs. Cousin's amah, Messrs. H. K. Robertson, Hunt, Lachlan, Selkirk, Cooper, Heywood, MacLennan, Lambert, Holtz, Howie, and Allen. From Bombay for Yokohama.—Mr. H. V. Brackenbury. From Colombo.—Professor and Mrs. Paterostre, 4 children and nurse, Miss Johns, and Rev. Nemura. From Singapore—Messrs. Shadoks and Thokaseda.

Per *City of Rio de Janeiro*, str., from San Francisco, &c.—Mrs. E. B. Ryder, M.D., Miss Kitty Southard, the Pundita Ramabai, and Lo Way Tong.

Per *Thales*, str., from Taiwanfoo, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Danver, Mr. Wilkinson, and 63 Chinese.

Per *Kwangtze*, str., from Amoy—150 Chinese.

Per *Nansing*, str., from Shanghai—Messrs. Ruegg, Bassett, and 110 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Caledonian, str., from Hongkong for Saigon.—Lieuts. E. C. H. Lemaire, Albert L. M. Dor, Mr. Metz, and 20 Chinese. For Singapore—Messrs. A. M. Place and assistant, R. MacCarthy, 1 Japanese and 17 Chinese. For Colombo.—Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Cox, Dr. H. P. Watson, Captain M. Murphy, Mr. L. C. Elsworth, for Port Said.—Mr. G. Saroldi, for Marseilles.—Messrs. J. A. Pereira, Thos. Kyler, Saavedra, and Master Luis from Shanghai for Singapore.—Mr. E. A. Bush, for Marseilles.—Mr. and Mrs. Brandt, Messrs. C. Girault, F. West, and Marcus Synott. From Woosung for Saigon.—Mr. Lambert. For Singapore—Mr. T. Nakagawa (Japanese Consul), Messrs. C. B. Crouse and S. R. Magrard. For Marseilles.—Mrs. Hissa Cyhama, Messrs. Ed. Shepherd and son, T. Oyama, A. Preudice, Marunc, J. Yamada, N. Koma, O. Takahashi, K. Nishio, S. Nakashima, and K. Yamakawa's servant.

REPORTS.

The British mail steamship *Bengal* reports that she left London, via Bombay on the 21st ultimo, and Singapore on the 3rd instant. Had strong north-east monsoon.

The Japanese steamship *Hideyoshi Maru* reports that she left Port Cockburn on the 6th instant. Had fresh monsoon with thick and rainy weather throughout.

The Chinese steamship *Kwangtze* reports that she left Shanghai on the 6th instant. Had fresh monsoon and drizzling rain to Tung-yi-jhence to port had fresh wind and cloudy weather.

The British steamship *Nansing* reports that she left Amoy on the 8th instant. Had fresh to strong monsoon from east-north-east to north-north-east, and overcast sky with gloomy weather.

The American mail steamship *City of Rio de Janeiro* reports that she left San Francisco on the 8th ultimo at 4:32 p.m.; arrived at Honolulu on the 16th, and sailed on the 17th at 1:14 p.m.; arrived at Yokohama on the 1st instant at 4:18 a.m.; sailed on the 3rd at 6:14 a.m.; arrived at Hongkong on the 6th at 6:42 a.m.; passage 5 days, 1 hour and 14 minutes.

The British steamship *Thales* reports that she left Taiwanfoo on the 5th instant, Amoy on the 7th, and Swatow on the 8th. From Taiwanfoo to Amoy had heavy north-east breeze and sea with cloudy weather and overcast sky. From Amoy to Swatow had strong northerly breeze and high sea with cloudy weather and overcast sky. From Swatow to port had moderate breeze and sea with cloudy weather.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Shanghai.—Per *Bengal*, to-morrow, the 10th instant, at 9:00 A.M.

For Amoy, and Tamsui.—Per *Fokker*, to-morrow, the 10th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Amoy, Woosung, Kobe, Yokohama, and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Ayestina*, to-morrow, the 10th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Dubrov*, to-morrow, the 10th instant, at 4:30 P.M.

For Yokohama, and Kobe.—Per *Vorwarts*, on Friday, the 11th instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Straits, Colombo, and Bombay.—Per *Poisoner*, on Saturday, the 12th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For the Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Glaucus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 8th inst., and is due here on the 15th.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ABYSSINIA, British steamer, 3,500, Geo. A. Lee, 12th Dec.—Vancouver 13th Nov., and Nagasaki 8th Dec., General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

ALBANY, British steamer, 1,498, E. Porter, 5th Jan.—Vancouver 6th Dec., and Yokohama 29th Mails and General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

AMIGO, German steamer, 771, T. A. Bruhn, 7th Jan.—Haiphong 4th Jan., and Hoilow 6th, General and Rice.—Geo. A. Stevens & Co.

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